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SECTION 1



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
September 30, 1960

New York 100-97573
New York 100-90769

Re: Kopel Lerner
Security Matter - C

Gerda Hedwig Lerner
Security Matter - C

Foreign Travel

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Passport Number 224463 was issued to Carl Lerner on June 4, 1948, for travel to Liechtenstein, Switzerland, and England. His application was dated May 20, 1948, and this passport was renewed on June 6, 1950, until June 3, 1952, for travel to England, France, Switzerland and Italy for "visiting family and tourist travel." An affidavit appears in his passport file dated May 21, 1948, from Anna Lerner, his mother, to the effect that Kopel Lerner and Carl Lerner are one and the same person and that he always used the name Carl Lerner.

On July 22, 1958, at New York City, Carl Lerner executed application for passport number 1200887 which was issued to him on August 13, 1958. He indicated he would depart from New York City via air for two months' stay abroad to travel in England, France, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and Belgium, the purpose of his trip being listed as "pleasure."

On July 20, 1960, the above passport was renewed by Carl Lerner, at New York, for purpose of travel to Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, France, Spain and England for "visiting relatives and touring." He is to depart from New York via Pan-American during October, 1960 for a two months' visit to above countries.

NY T-1 advised on June 14, 1959, that Carl and Gerda Lerner had just recently returned from a seven week trip to Europe.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Passport Number 223743 previously issued to

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On September 28, 1960, a telephone call was made to Carl Lerner's employment, 723 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, under a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which revealed that the Lerner's were still in New York City.

Background

Carl and Gerda Lerner reside in Apartment 14D, 33-60 21st Street, Long Island City, New York. They were married at Los Angeles, California, on October 6, 1941, and have two children. Carl Lerner maintains offices at 723 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, and is self-employed in the producing of documentary films. Gerda Lerner is a housewife and an author. Carl Lerner was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 17, 1912, under the name of Kopel Lerner. Gerda Lerner was born on April 30, 1920, in Vienna, Austria, and was naturalized on August 27, 1943, in the United States District Court of Los Angeles, California.

Subversive Activities

On June 30, 1944, NY T-2 made available information which reflects that Carl Lerner, 5141 1/2 De Longpre Street, Los Angeles, California, was a member of the B Club, Northwest Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party, a community club composed of motion picture and cultural people residing in the north and central parts of Hollywood, California. Lerner was using the name of Carl Blake for Communist Party purposes.

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Gerda Lerner on June 3, 1948, was renewed on June 14, 1950, until June 3, 1952. In her renewal application dated June 7, 1950, she indicated she would travel in England, France, Switzerland and Italy.

On July 11, 1960, Passport Number 1251805, issued October 15, 1958, was renewed by Gerda Lerner, at New York, for purpose of travel to England, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain. She is to depart from New York during October, 1960, via Pan-American World Airways for a two months' visit to the above countries for "visiting relatives and touring".

On September 21, 1960, John Macomber, District Reservations Manager, Pan-American World Airways, 28-18 Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City, New York, advised Special Agent Donald W. Clancy that he could not locate a record of reservations on the part of the Lerner with Pan-American World Airways for the month of September or October, 1960.

On September 28, 1960, Miss Alice Morris, Rental Agent, Queensview West Apartments, 33-68 21st Street, Long Island City, New York, advised Special Agent Clancy that the Lerner resided in this apartment development and were at their residence as of September 28, 1960. She stated she had no information concerning a contemplated trip on the part of the Lerner.

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NY T-2 also made available information on August 31, 1944, which reflected that Carl Lerner had 1944 Communist Party membership book number 48902 and attended a meeting of the Northwest Section, Educational Directors, on July 10, 1944.

The Communist Party of the United States has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-3 and NY T-4 have advised that Carl Lerner has been in contact with Isidore Gibby Needleman during 1955, 1956 and 1957.

NY T-4 and NY T-5 advised during 1957 and 1958 that Isidore Gibby Needleman is a practicing attorney in New York City. He was formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity, and he continues to represent this agency from time to time. Needleman has represented current and former members of the Communist Party before Congressional Committees, and in the courts, and has served as a custodian of Communist Party funds. He has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist-Leninist doctrines, and has actively participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist study and research.

NY T-6 advised during March, 1958, that Needleman has acted as a Soviet espionage agent.

NY T-7 advised on May 23, 1947, that Gerda Lerner had been a member of the Communist Party for approximately four years and was transferred from the Griffith Park Club, 13th Congressional District Section, the Betune Club, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party in 1947.

Casimir R. Debrowski, a member of Los Angeles County Communist Party, 1946-1949, now deceased, advised on February 23, 1949, that Gerda Lerner was guest speaker at a meeting of

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Westlake Section Council, Los Angeles County Communist Party on February 14, 1949. She stated that on her recent trip to Europe she was in Hungary and Austria and while there she was in contact with outstanding Communist Party leaders and talked with them.

NY T-1, NY T-3, and NY T-4 have advised that Gerda Lerner has been in contact with Isidore Gibby Needleman from 1935 to 1960 inclusive.

Descriptions

The following is a description of Kopel Lerner:

Name	Kopel Lerner
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	June 17, 1912
Place of Birth	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Height	5'6 1/2"
Weight	140-150 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown (wears glasses)
Complexion	Ruddy
Marital Status	Married
Wife	Gerda Lerner
Employment	Self-employed producing documentary films 723 Seventh Avenue New York, New York Apartment 14D, 33-60 21st Street, Long Island City, Queens
Residence	

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Gerda Lerner
Security Matter - C

The following is a description of Gerda Hedwig Lerner:

Name	Gerda Hedwig Lerner
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	April 30, 1920
Place of Birth	Vienna, Austria
Height	5'7"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Black (wears glasses)
Complexion	Medium
Marital Status	Married
Husband	Kopel Lerner
Employment	Housewife, author
Residence	Apartment 14D, 33-60 21st Street, Long Island City, New York

All sources set forth previously may be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-267253)

DATE: 9/30/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-97573)
(100-96769)SUBJECT: KOPEL LERNER aka
SM - CGERDA HEDWIG LERNER
SM - C

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth background and foreign travel plans of the subjects.

Informants

File Number Where Located

NY T-1

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

NY T-2

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NY T-3

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NY T-4

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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NY T-7

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On 9/28/60, a telephone call was made to KOPEL LERNER's place of business, 723 7th Ave., NY, NY, by SA DONALD W. CLANCY, under pretext of a friend from California.

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It was determined from LERNER's secretary that the subjects were still in NYC.

On 9/21/60, JOHN MACOMBER, District Reservations Manager, Pan-American World Airlines, 28-19 Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City, NY, advised SA CLANCY that he could not locate a record of reservations on the part of the subjects with his airlines for the months of September or October, 1960. He advised that he would notify NYO when reservations on the part of the subjects are placed with his airlines.

On 9/28/60, Miss ALICE MORRIS, Rental Agent, Queensview West Apartments, 33-68 21st St., L.I.C., NY, in which development the subjects live, advised SA CLANCY that subjects were residing at their residence as of that date. She had no information concerning a contemplated trip on the part of the subjects. She will advise NYO when she obtains such information.

NYO will submit an additional letterhead memorandum when information is obtained reflecting subjects are leaving New York City area.

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SAC, New York {100-97573}
{100-96769}

October 12, 1960

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KOPEL LERNER
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GERDA HEINRIC LERNER
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Reurlet 9-30-60, enclosing a letterhead memorandum.

Information contained in relet which indicates that the subjects are not traveling in accordance with information furnished in their applications for passports should be included in the letterhead memorandum. Submit amended pages promptly.

In the future, include all information in the letterhead memorandum that changes prior information concerning a subject's travel plans or that which affects his travel plans in any way.

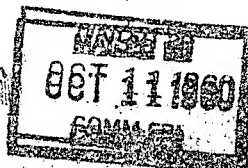
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Security Index cards canceled, 1955, on both subjects. They reside Long Island City, New York, and husband is employed in the film industry. Passports were renewed in July, 1960, for travel in October, 1960, to Europe, for purpose of visiting relatives and touring. Both subjects members of Communist Party during 1940s. Letterhead memorandum contains information concerning issuance of passport, but does not contain information in relet which indicates subjects are not traveling in October.

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Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367263)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-27573)
(100-86785)

SUBJECT:

ROBERT LAMBERT, was.
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DEBORA HENRIETTA LAMBERT, aka
SM-C

Re: Let to Director, 9/10/60.

Five ALICE FORNIE, Radial Agent, requested New
Apartment, 11-65 31st St., Long Island City, NY, in
development the subjects' life. advised re DEBORA H.
on 10/17, 28; 11/3, 16 and 21/60, were subjects were re-
siding at their residence as of those dates.

On 10/25/60, JOHN WILSON, District Manager,
Travel Manager, Fed-American World Airlines, 3915 31st
Place North, Long Island City, NY, advised he didn't know
subjects had not made reservations with Fed-American World
Airlines during 10/60.

On 11/25/60, a telephone call was made to
LAMBERT's place of business, 723 Seventh Ave., NY, NY, where
present of an insurance adjuster attempting to locate
to an accident. It was ascertained that LAMBERT was in
New York as he was talked to directly during the phone call.

Inasmuch as there is no indication as to when
or if the subjects are going to travel abroad, and they do
not qualify for SI or RI, those cases are being placed in
a closed status in NYO.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-22662**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12-4-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-2, 9, 21, 24, 25, 30, 31; 11-2, 20-46	REPORT MADE BY JAMES E. CONNELLEY
TITLE GERDA EDITH LERNER, nee Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, with aliases: Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Noel Lerner			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>GERDA EDITH LERNER, subject, 5141 1/2 Longpre, Los Angeles, was born 4-30-20 in Vienna, Austria, and naturalized at Los Angeles 8-27-43. Now employed as executive secretary for Screen Publicists' Guild, 1515 Crossroads of the World, Hollywood. Subject is wife of HERALD LERNER who joined Communist Party under name of CARL LERNER. Local criminal records negative. Communist activities of subject set out reflecting her transfer to East Hollywood Communist Club 8-21-44 at which time she held CPA membership card No. 44,710. Description set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>This report is based on information received from a confidential informant advising that the subject is a member of the Communist Political Association.</p> <p><u>NA 1</u></p> <p>GERDA EDITH LERNER, nee Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, with aliases: Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Noel Lerner.</p> <p><u>ADDRESS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5141 1/2 Longpre, Los Angeles, California.</p>			
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-22682**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12-4-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-2, 9, 21, 24, 25, 30, 31; 11-2, 28-44	REPORT MADE BY JAMES W. CORCORAN ESP
TITLE GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, nee Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, with aliases: Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Kopel Lerner			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GERDA LERNER, Subject, 5141½ DeLongpre, Los Angeles, was born 4-30-20 in Vienna, Austria, and naturalized at Los Angeles 8-27-43. Now employed as executive secretary for Screen Publicists' Guild, 1515 Crossroads of the World, Hollywood. Subject is wife of KOPEL LERNER who joined Communist Party under name of CARL BLAKE. Local criminal records negative. Communist activities of Subject set out reflecting her transfer to East Hollywood Communist Club 8-21-44 at which time she held CPA membership card No. 44,716. Description set forth.

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DETAILS:

This report is based on information received from a confidential informant advising that the Subject is a member of the Communist Political Association.

NAME

GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, nee Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, with aliases: Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Kopel Lerner.

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5141½ DeLongpre, Los Angeles, California.

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According to Source A, CARL LERNER, noted later to be the husband of the Subject, has been listed as an occupant of the above address since October 21, 1942. Source A advised that to the best of his knowledge the LERNERS still are occupants of this address.

CITIZENSHIP

Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters indicate that Mrs. GERDA LERNER, 5141½ DeLongpre, registered as a Democrat October 23, 1943, certificate number D-457,775. At the time of registering as a voter Subject gave her place of birth as Austria but indicated that she had been naturalized at Los Angeles August 27, 1943.

Citizenship records as produced in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, Los Angeles, revealed that GERDA HEDWIG LERNER was born April 30, 1920, in Vienna, Austria; last lived in Vaduz, Lichtenstein; and emigrated to the United States from LeHavre, France, to New York City under the name GERDA HEDWIG KRONSTEIN on April 6, 1939, on the 'SS Paris.'

The Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization Service records disclose that the Subject was issued Certificate of Arrival No. 2-663,900. The United States District Court records further indicate that the Subject filed a Declaration of Intention for citizenship September 29, 1939, under the name GERDA JENSEN, at which time she was residing at 3311 Broadway in New York City. Her Petition for Naturalization, No. 105,536, was filed at Los Angeles April 6, 1943. The court records failed to indicate that her naturalization certificate had been issued but Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization files reveal that she was admitted to American citizenship on August 27, 1943, as indicated in the voters' records.

Witnesses to the Subject's Petition for Naturalization were TIM BAAR, studio technician, 337 North Reno Street, and EVELYN HECHTLINGER, housewife, 2260 Lake Shore Avenue, both in Los Angeles.

Additional information on this Subject contained in the United States District Court files indicates that she was married to BERNARD JENSEN on April 12, 1939 at New York City. These records also contain an affidavit from RACHEL PRAGER, of the W.A.A.C., 3729 Cahuenga Boulevard, which affidavit is dated March 16, 1943, and states that the Subject is known to have resided in New York City from the summer of 1939 until May, 1941. Her occupation as given in the court records is that of an X-ray technician.

Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization Service files further indicate that prior to being naturalized the Subject held alien registration No. 1,875,575. These records also disclose that she was divorced from BERNARD JENSEN August 18, 1941, at Reno, Nevada.

EMPLOYMENT

Information received from Source B as of August 28, 1944, reflects that GERDA LERNER was employed as executive secretary for the Screen Publicists' Guild, 1515 Crossroads of the World in Hollywood, California. Source B declared that her duties with this employees' guild included attendance at meetings of the executive board, committee meetings, general membership meetings, and handling banking duties for the guild. Source B further pointed out that the Subject was affiliated in her guild activities with one ~~TED TAYLOR~~, the business manager of the Screen Publicists' Guild. It is noted that informants of this office have failed to furnish any information reflecting Communist tendencies on the part of ~~TED TAYLOR~~.

RELATIVES

According to records of the United States District Court, the Subject was married to ~~KOPEL LERNER~~ at Los Angeles on October 6, 1941. This information was verified by Los Angeles County marriage records, which reflected that GERDA JENSEN was married to ~~CARL LERNER~~ at Los Angeles on October 6, 1941, at which time she gave her maiden name as GERDA KRONSTEIN. Her place of birth was given as Austria and her occupation as a magazine writer. At the time of her marriage she gave as her address 2145½ Ivar Avenue. Her father was given as ~~ROBERT KRONSTEIN~~, born in Austria, and her mother as ~~I. NEUMANN~~, born in Hungary.

It is here noted that ~~CARL LERNER~~, whose real name is KOPEL LERNER, has been made the Subject of a separate investigation by the Los Angeles Field Division, it being known that he joined the Communist Party under the name of ~~CARL BLAKE~~ (see Los Angeles file 100-20501). According to Source C, the Subject's husband on August 13, 1943, was issued transfer card No. 12,930 reflecting his transfer from the Machinists' Branch of the 20th C.D. Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party to Branch 57-3 of the Midtown Section.

CRIMINAL RECORD

No record of an arrest for the Subject could be found at the Los Angeles Police Department or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office by Special Agent MANUEL SOROLA, who checked the Subject's name and aliases against the records of these agencies on November 2, 1944.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

Source D revealed on January 10, 1942, that ~~MAURICE MURPHY~~, executive secretary of the Hollywood Chapter of the League of American Writers, in a letter dated August 25, 1941, to ~~FRANKLIN FOLSON~~, of the New York Chapter of the League

mentioned that a GERDA JENSEN (possibly identical to the Subject) had come into the Hollywood offices of the League that day. MURPHY added that he had learned from her what New York had been doing in forming a young American writers' organization and that he was taking her with him that evening to a student council meeting so that she could explain what is going on in New York. It is observed that the Subject once gave her occupation as that of a magazine writer, was reported to have first come to Los Angeles in May, 1941, at which time her name was GERDA JENSEN.

It was learned from Source E early in 1944 that the records of the B Club of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party contained on a membership list the name of GERDA LERNER who had registered for 1944 on December 14, 1943. These records disclosed that the Subject had paid her Communist dues through December, 1943.

On May 19, 1944, Source F stated that he was present at the headquarters of the Northwest Section when MARJORIE POTTIS, paid membership director of the Northwest Section, was discussing an unidentified girl. At that time, according to this informant, MARJORIE POTTIS stated that GERDA (believed by the informant to be GERDA LERNER) almost had apoplexy over the things this girl had done and said. Source F was unable to furnish additional information, however, regarding the details of this discussion.

Source G on June 30, 1944, made available to Special Agents DAVID A. MACCULLOCH and ROBERT W. HOLLMAN the names of the members of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County Communist organization. These lists were maintained by MARJORIE POTTIS as a basis for enrollment of Communist Party members in the newly-formed Communist Political Association. On the list of members of the Hollywood Club there appeared the name "GERDA L." - believed by the informant to be GERDA LERNER, of 5141½ DeLongpre.

Information was received from Source C reflecting that transfer card No. 15,034 dated August 21, 1944, signed by "C.B." as secretary, was issued to GERDA LERNER, 5141½ DeLongpre, Olympia-4747, indicating her transfer from the 57-Hollywood Branch to the East Hollywood Communist Club. This transfer card, as furnished by Source C, disclosed that the Subject was enrolled in the new Communist Political Association and held 1944 membership card No. 44,716.

On September 26, 1944, Source H advised that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, playwright and leading Communist figure in the Los Angeles area, was told that the Thursday night meeting would be held at the home of HERBERT BIBERMAN, motion picture director and also a leading Los Angeles Communist. This informant indicated that the meeting referred to was that of Club A-3 of the Northwest Section. Surveillance at BIBERMAN'S home, 3259 Deronda Drive, by Special Agents DAVID A. MACCULLOCH and JOHN R. VICARS revealed that among those observed entering the BIBERMAN home were the occupants of a 1931 Ford Roadster bearing California license 89-P-451, which car is registered to CARL LERNER, 5141½ DeLongpre.

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This car was driven by a man who was accompanied by another man and a woman. The latter possibly was the wife of CARL LERNER, the Subject of this case.

Source I, who is familiar with Communist activity in the Los Angeles area, stated on October 31, 1944, that he had no information regarding Communist activity on the part of the Subject of this case.

DESCRIPTION

Age	24 (born 4-30-20 in Vienna, Austria; naturalized at Los Angeles 8-27-43)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	135
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Scars and marks	None
Race	White
Occupation	Executive secretary, Screen Publicists' Guild
Marital status	Married; husband, CARL LERNER

C L O S E D

SOURCES

SOURCE A - H. S. HUTCHINS, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Power and Light.

SOURCE B - Records of War Price and Rationing Board No. 20, 1700 North Vermont, Los Angeles.

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SOURCE C - [FOIA b 7 - D]

SOURCE D - [FOIA b 7 - D]

SOURCE E - Highly confidential source at Communist Party headquarters made available to Special Agents ROBERT H. EGAN, SIMON E. LOCHER, and MARCUS M. BRIGHT.

SOURCE F - [FOIA b 7 - D]

SOURCE G - [FOIA b 7 - D]

SOURCE H - [FOIA b 7 - D]

SOURCE I - CARL ABBOTT, head of the Subversive Detail, Los Angeles Police Department.

The above sources are carried as such in compliance with their request that their identity be kept confidential.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California
December 4, 1944



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

Director, FBI.

GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, nee
Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, w.as.
RE: SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, nee Gerda Hedwig Kronstein
Aliases: Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen,
Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Kopel Lerner *trul name*

Residence Address: 5141 1/2 DeLongpre, Los Angeles, California

Business Address: Screen Publicists' Guild
1515 Crossroads of the World
Hollywood, California

_____ Native Born _____ Alien ☒ Naturalized

☒ Communist _____ German _____ Miscellaneous
_____ Fascist (Italian) _____ Japanese _____

Date of Birth April 30, 1920
Place of Birth Vienna, Austria
Entered U. S. April 6, 1939 at New York City
Naturalized (date) August 27, 1943
Naturalized (place and Court) U. S. District Court
Los Angeles, California

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD

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Special Agent in Charge

February 27, 1945

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Los Angeles, California RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

① LERNER, MRS. KOPEL NATURALIZED COMMUNIST
nee: (Austrian)
Gerda Hedwig Kronstein
aliases: Gerda Hedwig Lerner
Gerda Hedwig Jensen
Mrs. Bernard Jensen
Mrs. Carl Lerner

5141 1/2 DeLongpre
Los Angeles, Calif. (Res.)

Screen Publicists' Guild
1515 Crossroads of the World
Hollywood, Calif. (Bus.)

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October 13, 1948

SAC, Los Angeles

RE: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, WAS.
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file 100-22682

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent James W. Corcoran dated 12-4-44 at Los Angeles.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

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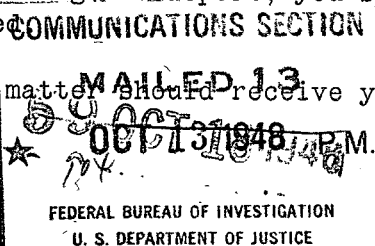
In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such a threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-22662**

REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">LOS ANGELES</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">1/27/49</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">10/25, 27, 29; 11/30/48; 1/27/49</p>	REPORT MADE BY <p style="text-align: center;">ICEALUIS A. HALL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LL</p>
TITLE <p>GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, nee-Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, wa. Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Koppel Lerner</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">SECURITY MATTER - C</p>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides with husband CARL LERNER and two children at 1426 Mohawk Street, Los Angeles. Subject returned to the United States 1/1/49, after making a tour of several European countries during the fall of 1948. Subject was a delegate from the U. S. Congress of American Women to the International Women's Conference in Budapest, Hungary, December 2-8, 1948. Subject made a report on the conference to a meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter, Congress of American Women, 1/27/49, at 3600 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles. During this report, subject made the statement that she was ashamed to admit to members of the Congress that she is an American. Subject was Educational Director of the Los Angeles Chapter, Congress of American Women, and, according to a confidential informant, is a member of the Bethune Club, Los Angeles County Communist Party.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-267253.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated October 13, 1948.

DETAILS:

RESIDENCE:

Los Angeles T-1 advised on December 3, 1948, that the subject and her husband CARL LERNER, was., have purchased a home at 1426 Mohawk Street, Los Angeles, and, with their two children, usually reside there. This informant advised that, at that time, they were on an extended trip to

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Washington and Kansas but were expected to return to Los Angeles in the early part of December, 1948.

It was subsequently learned from the January, 1949, issue of "Women in Action," a bimonthly publication of the Los Angeles Chapter, Congress of American Women, an affiliate of the Women's International Democratic Federation, that the subject left the United States in August, 1948, to make a tour of several European countries and to be a member of the American Delegation to the International Women's Conference which was held in Budapest, Hungary, the first week of December, 1948. This issue of "Women in Action" further reflects that the subject returned to the United States in January, 1949.

EMPLOYMENT:

Los Angeles T-1 also advised that the subject is an X-ray technician but has been unemployed about one year.

COMMUNIST-PARTY ACTIVITIES:

Los Angeles T-2 advised in May, 1947, that the subject has been a member of the Communist Party approximately 4 years and was transferred from the Griffith Park Club, 13th Congressional District Section, to the Bethune Club, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party, in 1947.

Los Angeles T-3 advised on January 29, 1945, that the subject and her husband CARL LERNER sent a telegram to the Ambassador Hotel, protesting the action of the management of the hotel in refusing to allow the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee to use the dining room of the hotel for a dinner meeting, February 4, 1945, in honor of PAUL ROBESON and for the purpose of raising funds for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Los Angeles T-4 advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Gung-Ho Club, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party, at the home of VALERIE MARGOLIS, 2207 Willeta Avenue, Hollywood, California, May 5, 1947. The informant further advised that an announcement was made during the meeting that the Women's Conference of the Los Angeles County Communist Party which had been scheduled to meet at the home of the subject on August 16, 1947, had been postponed to a later date.

Los Angeles T-4 advised that the subject attended a meeting of the four community clubs of the Los Angeles County Communist Party at the Screen Writers and Cartoonists Hall, 6272 Yucca Avenue, Los Angeles,

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August 20, 1947. According to the informant, EDDIE BAKER from the Progressive Bookstore, Los Angeles, an outlet for Communist-Party literature, discussed the book entitled, "The Great Conspiracy," and SID DAVIS, Director of the People's Educational Center, Los Angeles, recommended to those present a course in political organization which was then being taught at the summer session of the People's Educational Center.

Los Angeles T-5 made available a copy of the publication, "Women in Action," which reflects that the subject was leaving the United States at an early date to make a tour of Europe but was expected to return to the United States.

It was subsequently learned from an article in the Daily People's World, a Communist headed and controlled newspaper published on the West Coast, that the subject had returned from Europe and would make a report on the International Women's Congress which she attended from December 2nd to the 8th, 1948, in Budapest, Hungary. According to the article, this report was to be made at a meeting of the Congress of American Women, January 27, 1949, at 3000 Southwestern Avenue, Los Angeles.

This being an open meeting with all members of the Los Angeles Chapter, Congress of American Women, affiliated organizations, and other groups in sympathy with the aims and objectives of the Congress of American Women being invited to participate, the Reporting Agent attended and heard the subject state, during the course of her report, that, when she met a group of women delegates to the convention from the Greek partisan forces, she was ashamed to admit to them that she was an American.

The subject further stated that she had made a tour of several European countries, including France, Austria, and Hungary, prior to attending the convention and talked to many people in these countries. The subject attempted to make a comparison of the condition of the populace in the countries who are recipients of Marshall Plan aid and of countries which she referred to as countries having democratic governments and who are not receiving aid under the Marshall Plan. She stated that countries not receiving Marshall Plan aid who have adopted the new democratic form of government are recovering rapidly from the effects of World War II, and the people are happy, while those who are receiving Marshall Plan aid have been retarded by this aid in recovering from the effects of the war.

The January, 1949, issue of "Women in Action" reflects that the subject has been active in the Los Angeles Chapter, Congress of American Women, since its formation in 1946 and, prior to her departure for Europe, was the Educational Director of the Los Angeles Chapter.

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The Los Angeles Chapter, Congress of American Women, which has its headquarters at 6536-3/4ths Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles, California, the home of HELEN NORFJÖR and BETTY WILLETT, both well known members of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, is, according to literature of the organization, particularly "Women in Action," a branch of the National Congress of American Women affiliated with the Women's International Democratic Federation, with headquarters in New York City.

The Congress of American Women has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Los Angeles T-6, T-7, and T-8 advised that the subject has maintained contact with members of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, but they were unable to furnish specific information regarding the reasons for the maintenance of these contacts.

The records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department, which were checked by SA MANUEL SOROLA on October 25, 1948, contain no information pertaining to the subject.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The following physical description of the subject, which is being set out for the benefit of the Washington Field Office, was obtained by a review of the subject file:

Age:	38
Birth date:	April 30, 1920
Birthplace:	Vienna, Austria
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	135 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Scars and marks:	None
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Citizenship:	Naturalized at Los Angeles, Calif., 8/27/43; petition No. 105536, filed at Los Angeles 4/6/43

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~CITIZENSHIP RECORDS:

Records in the office of the clerk of the U. S. Court, Los Angeles, reflect that GERDA HEDWIG LERNER immigrated to the United States from La Havre, France, to New York City under the name GERDA HEDWIG KRONSTEIN on April 6, 1939, on the SS PARIS. Records of the Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that the subject was issued Certificate of Arrival No. 2-663900. The U. S. District Court records indicate that the subject filed a Declaration of Intention for Citizenship, September 29, 1939, under the name GERDA JENSEN, at which time she was residing at 3311 Broadway in New York City. The court records failed to indicate that her naturalization certificate had been issued, but Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization files reveal that she was admitted to American citizenship on August 27, 1943.

RELATIVES:

Husband:	CARL LERNER, was. Kopel Lerner and Carl Blake
Birth date:	June 17, 1912
Birthplace:	Philadelphia, Pennsylv- vania
Father:	MR. MC ROBERT KRONSTEIN
Birthplace:	Austria
Mother:	I. X. NEWMANN KRONSTEIN
Birthplace:	Hungary

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LEADS:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.:

Will check the passport records of the State Department to ascertain the purpose of the subject's tour of Europe and to determine if any irregularities occurred in the obtaining of a passport by the subject.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California:

Will follow and report activities of the subject as regards her membership in the Los Angeles Chapter, Congress of American Women, and the Los Angeles County Communist Party.

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The confidential informants listed below were designated by temporary informant symbols for office security:

Los Angeles T-1 - Mrs. E. RAY SMOOTS, neighbor of the subject who requested anonymity

Los Angeles T-2 - [FOIA b 7 - D]

Los Angeles T-3 - Mr. GEORGE HARRIS, manager, Ambassador Hotel

Los Angeles T-4 - [FOIA b 7 - D]

Los Angeles T-5 - Mrs. FLORENCE TOLHEIMER, 511 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, California, who requested anonymity

Los Angeles T-6 - [FOIA b 7 - D]

Los Angeles T-7 - [FOIA b 7 - D]

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FILE NO. **100-20645**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/25/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/10, 13/49	REPORT MADE BY JOHN V. JACKOLSKI EAM
TITLE GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, nee, Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, wa. Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Kopal Lerner			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records of Passport Division, Department of State, reflect subject issued passport #223743 on May 4, 1948 for a proposed six month's trip to Liechtenstein, Switzerland and England for the purpose of visiting relatives. Her two children were included. Background information set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau file #100-267253. Report of Special Agent ICEBALING A. HALL dated April 27, 1949 at Los Angeles.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u> FOIA (b) (7) - (D)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, made available information concerning subject as it appeared in the records of the Passport Division, Department of State and the following information was noted therein:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GERDA LERNER was issued passport #223743 on May 4, 1948 by the Department of State at Washington, D. C. for a proposed six month's trip to Liechtenstein, Switzerland and England for the purpose of "visit my father, sister and uncle."</p>			
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DETAILS:

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In an application for this passport dated May 20, 1948 at Los Angeles, California, subject informed she was born on April 30, 1920 at Vienna, Austria; she emigrated to the United States on April 6, 1939 and resided continuously in the United States at New York, New York; Reno, Nevada; and Los Angeles, California. She stated she was naturalized before the United States District Court at Los Angeles, California on August 27, 1943. Certificate of Naturalization #5847195 was indicated as having been "seen and returned" by the Passport Division.

Subject further informed her father, ROBERT KRONSTEIN, not an American citizen, born in Vienna, Austria, was residing at Vaduzin, Liechtenstein; her mother, ILONA KRONSTEIN, born at Budapest, was deceased. She stated she was married on October 6, 1941 to CARL LERNER, born June 17, 1912 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; their permanent residence was at 1426 Mohawk Street, Los Angeles 26, California. She indicated her maiden name to be GERDA HEDWIG KRONSTEIN, and stated she was previously married to BERNARD JENSEN in April 1939 at New York City who was born in Vienna, Austria and emigrated to the United States in 1938. She further informed this marriage was terminated by divorce on August 18, 1941. She indicated she intended to leave the United States from the port of New York on August 4, 1948 sailing on board the SS America. Her two children, STEPHANIE JEAN, born [redacted] and DANIEL ANDREW LERNER, born [redacted] were included in subject's passport.

She furnished the following description of herself:

Height: 5'7"
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Occupation: Writer

Asiant in support of subject's application for passport was ALEXANDER GREENBERG, 826 S. Hobart, Los Angeles, California who stated he had known subject for seven years.

No further information concerning subject was reflected in the records of the Passport Division, Department of State.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL
Criminal Division
DIRECTOR, FBI

August 30, 1949

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It is desired to call this case to your attention as one for possible denaturalization and deportation.

Date of birth: April 30, 1920
Place of birth: Vienna, Austria
Naturalized: August 27, 1943
Los Angeles, California
Residence: 1426 Mohawk Street
Los Angeles, California
Employment: Unemployed (housewife).

A reliable and confidential informant has advised that Gerda Lerner was a member of the B. Club of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party during 1943 and on December 14, 1943 registered with the same Club for the year 1944.

Copies of all pertinent reports have been furnished to the Division of Records and attached to copies of this memorandum designated for the Immigration and Naturalization Service are two copies each of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent James W. Corcoran, dated December 4, 1944, at Los Angeles, California.
Report of Special Agent Igealius A. Hall, dated April 27, 1949, at Los Angeles, California.

cc - The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
(Enclosures)

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<p>Bureau File 100-267253 Report of SA JOHN V. JACOWSKI, dated May 23, 1949 at Washington, D.C. Report of SA IGEALUIS A. HALL, dated April 27, 1949 at Los Angeles.</p>			
DETAILS:			
<p><u>RESIDENCE:</u></p> <p>T-1 of known reliability advised on September 1, 1949, that subject and her husband CARL LERNER, was, CARL BLANK, KOPPEL LERNER, were leaving Los Angeles for New York, because CARL LERNER has a position there. T-1 was unable to learn what kind of position he has, but stated that he travels, staying in one city several months and then moving to another city. T-2 believed to be reliable, advised on September 11, 1949 that Mrs. LERNER is living at either 35-15 72nd Street, Apartment 3 B, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, or 2060 23rd Street, Astoria 5, Long Island, New York.</p>			
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COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES:

T-3 of known reliability advised that GERDA LERNER of the Congress of American Women was guest speaker at a meeting of the Westlake Section Council, Los Angeles County Communist Party held at the home of MOLLYE and MAX HILBERMAN, 1954 Argyle Avenue, Los Angeles on the evening of February 14, 1949.

T-3 furnished the following resume of GERDA LERNER's speech.

LERNER stated that on her recent trip to Europe she was in Hungary and Austria and the people are solidified. She stated that the Women's International Democratic Federation in Europe is taking over a great deal of the leadership and this is quite a contrast to what it formerly was when the men were the only leaders. She stated that the outstanding leaders in the W.I.D.F. are members of the Communist Party, and that tremendous work is being done by the organization. It represents eighty-one million women who are working for peace.

LERNER stated that the C.P. is a legal organization in Europe, does its work openly and above board, works effectively and anyone can become a member just as one can be a Republican or a Democrat in the United States. She stated that great progress has been made in Europe and that the Soviet Russia military budget has been cut one half.

LERNER stated that while in Hungary and Austria she was in contact with outstanding CP leaders and talked with them.

LERNER told those present that she came to their group to discuss conditions in the United States and desired that they take steps to organize Women's groups in each community in their area, including Caucasian, Negroes, Mexicans and Jews. She stated she was not there to tell them how to do their Party work, because that was their problem.

LERNER stated that the leadership of the C.A.W. in the United States as it is in Europe is made up of C.P. members.

LERNER's talk was followed by a few questions, one being whether it was true that Russian soldiers, on going into some of the countries, during the war, terrorized men, women and children. LERNER replied that she was sorry to say that it was true, but not to repeat it to anyone outside the group. She stated that she verified this in her talks with CP leaders.

To a question regarding the C.P. in Yugoslavia, LERNER replied that the C.P. there does its work openly, no one is forced to join, but anyone may, even Catholic priests.

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Regarding Poland she stated that it is the best developed country in Europe other than Soviet Russia and has made the most progress. She stated that United States troops in Europe terrorized the people and are worse than the Nazis.

LERNER stated that the C.A.W. would be glad to furnish speakers when they were ready to start organizing groups in their communities.

She asked those present not to mention to anyone that she had attended the Section Council Meeting of the C.P. or was in any way affiliated with the C.P.

On March 8, 1949, Special Agent ICEALIOUS A. HALL, attended an open meeting of the C.A.W. at 3000 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles. This meeting was in commemoration of International Women's Day. GERDA LERNER made a brief speech on the condition of women in Greece and asked for donations for the Greek Partisan forces.

T-1 reported on April 30, 1949 that GERDA LERNER was elected Educational Director of the Los Angeles Chapter, C.A.W. at a meeting held on April 22, 1949 at 2712 $\frac{1}{2}$ West Seventh Street, Los Angeles.

T-3 made available a copy of the magazine "American Women in Pictures," a souvenir journal of the National Convention, C.A.W. held in New York City in May, 1949. This magazine contains a picture of GERDA LERNER, under the caption, "In Los Angeles, GERDA LERNER, delegate to Budapest, brings back the message of the W.I.D.F. Congress to the C.A.W. Chapter Executive Board.

The Daily Peoples World on May 4, 1949 contained article which reflects that GERDA LERNER, delegate to the Budapest Women's Peace Congress, would be one of the speakers at a Mothers Day Peace Rally at one p.m., Saturday, May 7, 1949 at the City Terrace Culture Center, 3875 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles. This rally was sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order.

The June 1949 issue of Women In Action, the official publication of the Los Angeles Chapter, C.A.W. furnished by T-3 reflects that GERDA LERNER was one of the ten delegates from the local chapter, C.A.W. to the National Convention, C.A.W. held in New York City in May 1949. It also reflects that she is Educational Director of the Los Angeles C.A.W.

The Congress of the American Women was cited by the Attorney General on May 27, 1948 as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835, Part 3.

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The following physical description of GERDA HEDWIG LERNER is set out for the benefit of the New York Office.

Birth Date:	April 30, 1920
Birthplace	Vienna, Austria
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	135 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Other data:	Wears glasses; prominent nose, thick lips, dresses sloppily
Citizenship:	Naturalized at Los Angeles 8/27/43.

P E N D I N G.

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A D M I N I S T R A T I V E

Mr. W. A. CARMICHAEL, District Director, Los Angeles District Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised on September 23, 1949 that GERDA HEDWIG LERNER is under consideration by the INS as a possible subject for cancellation of citizenship proceedings.

Both GERDA HEDWIG LERNER and her husband are subjects of Security Index cards in Los Angeles Division.

L.A. 100-22682

L E A D S

THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD OFFICE,
At New York, N.Y.:

Will verify subject's residence in New York, either at 35-15 72nd Street, Apt. 3-B, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York or at 2060 - 23rd Street, Astoria, 5, Long Island, New York. Subject will probably contact functionaries of the Congress of American Women, inasmuch as she has worked diligently in the organization in Los Angeles.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE,
At Los Angeles:

Will upon verification of subject's residence in New York, forward Form FD 128 to the Bureau

INFORMANT PAGE

The Confidential Informants listed below were designated temporary informant symbols for office Security, 4/30/49.

T-1

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

- SA MERLE L. PARKER, 9/1/49.

T-2

Mr. ERNEST V. HARNESBERGER, 743 North Longmont Avenue, San Gabriel, California from whom LERNER is buying a house at 1426 Mohawk Street, Los Angeles.

T-3

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SA MERLE L. PARKER 2/23/49

7/12/49.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File #100-267253)

DATE: December 9, 1949

Reference report of SA ICEALIUS A. HALL, Los Angeles,
dated 10/17/49.

The residence of 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Long Island,
New York, was observed to be a new two-family house. The mail box listed the
tenant residing there as THOMAS POLO.

Through a telephone call to Mrs. THOMAS POLO, 2060 23rd Street,
Astoria, it was ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. CARL LERNER were also tenants in
that house and his telephone number is RA 8-8331.

Confidential Informants FOIA b 7 - D all of known
reliability, who are familiar with Communist activity in New York, were not
acquainted with the subject. RUC.

cc: Los Angeles (100-22682)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 20, 1949

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-267253)

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York City Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 2060 - 23rd Street, Astoria

Long Island, New York

Business Address: Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The New York City Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☒ Security Index Cards in triplicate

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- DATE: 9-4-58
- #2 - Report of SA JAMES W. CORCORAN dated December 4, 1944 at Los Angeles
 - #30 - Report of SA ICEALIUS A. HALL dated April 27, 1949 at Los Angeles.
 - #36 - Report of SA JOHN V. JACKOLSKI dated May 25, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

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cc: New York City Division (Enc.) (100-96769)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 22, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C
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9-6-50 RA*

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NAME _____

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RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Unemployed - Housewife

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">NEW YORK</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">AUG 28 1950</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">6/16, 23; 7/9, 11/50</p>	REPORT MADE BY <p style="text-align: center;">CLARENCE R. CHEATHAM</p>
TITLE <p style="text-align: center;">GERDA HEINIG LERNER, wa.</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">SECURITY MATTER - C</p>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Queens, Long Island, New York, and is employed as a housewife. Subject was a member of the Communist Party for four years, as of May, 1947, and as of that date was a member of the Bethune Club, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party. Subject was a delegate to the Second Women's Congress held in Budapest, Hungary, in December of 1948. She is presently Chairman of the Child Care Committee, Congress of American Women.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised in December of 1949, that Mr. and Mrs. CARL LERNER were residing at 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Queens, Long Island, New York.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE AUG 28 1950	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/16,28;7/9,11/50	REPORT MADE BY CIABORN R. CHEATHAM
TITLE GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, wa.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Queens, Long Island, New York, and is employed as a housewife. Subject was a member of the Communist Party for four years, as of May, 1947, and as of that date was a member of the Bethune Club, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party. Subject was a delegate to the Second Women's Congress held in Budapest, Hungary, in December of 1948. She is presently Chairman of the Child Care Committee, Congress of American Women.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised in December of 1949, that Mr. and Mrs. CARL LERNER were residing at 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Queens, Long Island, New York.

cc to T-1 for 10-20-50

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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on July 11, 1950, that ~~CARA~~ LERNER resides at 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Queens, Long Island, New York, and was the subscriber to telephone number RA 8-8331.

Inquiry in the neighborhood of 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, reflected that GERDA LERNER is unemployed, a housewife, and has two small children.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised in 1947, that GERDA LERNER was a Communist Party member for four years, as of May, 1947, and that in 1947, she was a member of the Bethune Club, Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, stated that GERDA LERNER, a member of the Los Angeles Congress of American Women, was going abroad in August of 1948, and would contact the National Office of the Congress of American Women on her way through New York. She was described as an able and enthusiastic congresswoman, and as a talented writer.

It is to be noted that the Congress of American Women has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that GERDA LERNER was a delegate to the Second Women's Congress of the Women's International Democratic Federation, Budapest, Hungary, of which CAW is an affiliate.

The March, 1949, issue of the Congress of American Women bulletin, "Around the World," lists the CAW delegates to the Second International Women's Congress held in Budapest, Hungary, in December of 1948. GERDA LERNER, Los Angeles, California, is listed as one of these delegates.

Confidential Informant T-5, on May 12, 1949, furnished a list of committee members of the Congress of American Women who were scheduled

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to serve on various committees at the National Convention of the Congress of American Women. According to this informant, GERDA LERNER of Los Angeles was a committee member of the Committee of Resolutions.

The June 19, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article entitled, "Peace Is a Woman's Business," which describes the National Convention of the Congress of American Women held in New York City in May of 1949. GERDA LERNER of Los Angeles appears in a group picture of the Resolution Committee.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on January 17, 1950, that the subject was Chairman of the Child Care Committee of the Congress of American Women in New York City.

Confidential Informant T-6 furnished a letter dated January 3, 1950, on the stationery of the Metropolitan Council, Congress of American Women, and signed by GERDA LERNER, Chairman, Child Care Committee. The letter announced that the Congress of American Women was planning a "National Bread and Butter Conference" on child welfare, which was to be held in Chicago in the Spring of 1950. This letter also stated that, "in preparation for this conference, local child care conferences are under-way in Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York."

Confidential Informant T-6 furnished a bulletin of the Metropolitan Council of the Congress of American Women, 1133 Broadway, New York City, in January of 1950. On page five of this bulletin under the title, "Coming Events," the following is stated:

"The most effective method of presenting our program for peace to the women of America is in your own community."

After the preceding, there is a schedule of the meetings to be held in the New York area. Under the date of March 26, 1950, is the following:

"National Child Care Conference - GERDA LERNER - CAW."

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The following Confidential Informants, all of known reliability, were contacted, and were unable to furnish any information pertaining to the subject:

T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, and T-14.

A description of the subject, as obtained through investigation and file review, is as follows:

Name	GERDA HEDWIG LERNER
Residence	2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York
Employment	Unemployed - housewife
Date of Birth	April 30, 1920
Place of Birth	Vienna, Austria
Race	White
Sex	Female
Height	5 feet, 7 inches
Weight	135 pounds
Eyes	Blue (Wears glasses)
Hair	Brown
Peculiarities	Prominent nose; thick lips; dresses sloppily.
Marital Status	Married
Husband	<u>Mrs KOPEL LERNER</u>
Date of Marriage	October 6, 1941
Place of Marriage	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Naturalization	Los Angeles, California, August 27, 1943 - Certificate number 5847195.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of
SA CLABORN R. CHEATHAM dated AUG 28 1950 at New York, New York,
are identified as follows:

T-1	Pretext telephone call to Mrs. THOMAS POLO, 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Queens, Long Island, New York.
T-2	FOIA b 7 - D
T-3	FOIA b 7 - D
T-4	Anonymous
T-5	LOUISE PAGE MORRIS, 121 Madison Avenue, New York City, executive member of the Congress of American Women, contacted by SA P. RENE BIDEZ. MORRIS requested that her identity not be disclosed.
T-6	FOIA b 7 - D
T-7	Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, contacted by SA ROBERT W. CARNES.
T-8	FOIA b 7 - D contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
T-9	FOIA b 7 - D contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

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T-10 [FOIA b 7 - D] contacted by SA RICHARD T.
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T-11 [FOIA b 7 - D] contacted by SA RICHARD T.
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T-12 [FOIA b 7 - D] contacted by SA RICHARD T.
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T-13 [FOIA b 7 - D] contacted by SA RICHARD T.
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T-14 [FOIA b 7 - D] contacted by SA RICHARD T.
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REFERENCE

Report of SA ICEALIUS A. HALL, Los Angeles, 10/17/49.
New York letter to Bureau, 12/9/49.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : W. F. Kelly, Assistant Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service
Enforcement Division, Central Office

SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG WERNER: Bureau file No. 100-267253

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DATE September 10, 1951

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Jones
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Mohr
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell, Criminal Division dated August 30, 1949, a copy of which was furnished this office by endorsement with enclosures mentioned therein relative to the above captioned subject.

In order that it might be determined whether a prima facie case for the institution of denaturalization proceedings exists, it is requested that you advise whether, at this particular time, you are in a position to disclose to this Service for interview by one of our representatives, the identity of the following confidential informants:

T-2 mentioned in the report of Special Agent Icealius A. Hall dated April 27, 1949, at Los Angeles, California. Los Angeles file No. 100-22682.

T-3 mentioned in the report of Special Agent Claborn R. Cheathan, dated August 28, 1950, at New York, New York, New York file No. 100-96769.

It is requested that your response be submitted to this office marked for the attention of W. W. Wiggins, Chief, Investigation Section.

W F Kelly

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The Commissioner
Immigration & Naturalization Service

September 26, 1951

Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. W. W. Wiggins
Chief, Investigation Section

GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, wa.
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Your reference C-5847195
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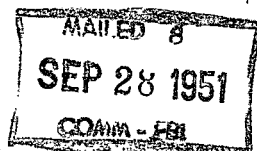
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Please refer to the memorandum of Assistant Commissioner W. F. Kelly of your Service dated September 10, 1951, wherein was requested the identity of T-2 mentioned in the report of Special Agent Icealius A. Hall dated April 27, 1949, and T-3 mentioned in the report of Special Agent Claborn R. Cheathan dated August 28, 1950, at New York.

The above-described T-2 and T-3 cannot be disclosed at this time and are not available for interview.

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FROM : Director, FBI (100-267253)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-96769)
SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: April 28, 1952

Card U.T.D.
5-10-52 agc

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ Furnace Dock Road _____ 100-436613-12

Peekskill, New York _____ 100-267253-27

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WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM) (65-5340)

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SA JOSHUA D. ENSOR DATED 3-5-53, WHICH ON PAGE 23 SETS FORTH INFO
CONCERNING A LETTER TO GEORGE AND LORE FROM VERA, WHICH STATES THAT
GERDA LERNER, 1426 MONAWK STREET, LOS ANGELES 36, CALIFORNIA, HAD
RETURNED TO THE U.S. IT IS BELIEVED THAT GEORGE MENTIONED REFERS
TO GEORGE MANDLER. LORE IS LORE HERZIG, AND VERA IS VERA PONGER,
WIFE OF SUBJECT. BUFILES REFLECT THAT YOUR OFFICE IS OFFICE OF
ORIGIN IN INVESTIGATION ENTITLED "GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, WAS., SECU-
RITY MATTER - C," YOUR FILE 100-96769, BUFILE 100-267253. LERNER
FORMERLY RESIDED AT ABOVE-LISTED ADDRESS IN LOS ANGELES. BUREAU
DESIRES THAT YOU INTERVIEW LERNER FOR INFO IN HER POSSESSION CON-
CERNING SUBJECTS AND IN VIEW OF HER BACKGROUND, INTERVIEW SHOULD
BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO
INTERVIEWS WITH SECURITY SUBJECTS.

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CC - 2 - WASHINGTON FIELD (FOR INFO) (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

cc - 100-267253

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NOTE:

Lerner is an SI card subject. She returned to the
U. S. on 1-1-49 after traveling in Europe where she
reportedly was a delegate to the International Women's
Conference in Budapest, Hungary. Lerner is a CP
member who was born 4-30-20 at Vienna, Austria, and
naturalized at Los Angeles, California, on 8-27-43.
Her husband is Kopel Lerner, a native-born citizen
who is also an SI card subject.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-267253)
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-96769)
 SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, was.
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DATE: March 23, 1953

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TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE SEX

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 118-14 194th Street

St. Albans, Queens, N.Y.

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BUREAU, WFO

OTTO VERBER, ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH R & AU. REBUTEL MARCH 12, 1953. MRS. GERDA LERNER, NOW RESIDING AT 118-14 194TH STREET, ST. ALBANS, QUEENS, NY, ADVISED AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE ON MARCH 20, 1953 THAT SHE WOULD NOT TALK TO FBI ON ANY SUBJECT.

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Mr. Sizoo _____
Miss Gandy _____

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cc - 1 - Mr. Belmont
cc - 1 - Mr. Hennrich

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

March 26, 1953

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Director, FBI

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In connection with the investigation of subjects, an effort was made to interview Mrs. Gerda Lerner, residing at 118-14 194th Street, St. Albans, Queens, New York. It had been reported that Mrs. Lerner had some information concerning subjects. On March 20, 1953, Mrs. Lerner stated that she would not talk to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on any subject.

In this connection, your attention is directed to the investigation entitled "Gerda Hedwig Lerner, wa., Security Matter - C," in which copies of investigative reports have previously been furnished to the Division of Records. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Claborn R. Cheatham dated August 28, 1950, at New York, reflecting that Mrs. Lerner was a member of the Communist Party for four years and a delegate to the Second Women's Congress held at Budapest, Hungary, in December, 1948.

The above is brought to your attention for whatever action you deem advisable.

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NOTE: Lerner is an SI Card subject.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE DEC 4 1953	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/20;5/11;9/18; 10/29;11/17-18; 19,20,23,24,25/53	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS D. J. BROOKS
TITLE GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, was: Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Kopel Lerner		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

Subject born 4/30/20, Vienna, Austria; presently residing at 118-14 194th Street, St. Albans, Queens, NY. T-6 reliably reported GERDA LERNER was a member of the Los Angeles County CP in early 1944. T-7 reliably reported subject a member of the LACCP in 1944. T-8 reliably reported in 1947 subject was a member of the LACCP and had been a member for approximately 4 years. March, 1949 issue of Congress of American Women bulletin, "Around the World," lists GERDA LERNER of Los Angeles as a CAW delegate to the Second International Women's Congress held in Budapest, Hungary in December, 1948. The "Daily Worker," in issue of 6/19/49 in a photograph depicts subject on Resolutions Committee at National Convention of CAW in May, 1949. T-10 reliably reported subject was a guest speaker at a meeting of the LACCP on 2/14/49. Subject in a speech at CAW meeting on 1/27/49, in discussing contact with Greek partisan delegates to IWC in Budapest, Hungary, stated she was ashamed to admit to them she was an American. T-11 reliably reported subject was active in CAW in 1950. Subject reliably reported by T-16 to be a member of the American Women for Peace in 1951. Subject reliably reported by T-14 to be a delegate to the 20th Anniversary National Convention of the ACPFB in December, 1951.

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all informants in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise indicated.

AGENCY *100-436613-13*REQ. REC'D *5-25-53*REP'T FORW. *6-10-53*BY *2/21/54*

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BIRTH AND CITIZENSHIP

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The records of the Los Angeles Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that GERDA JENSEN, born GERDA HEDWIG KRONSTEIN

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on April 30, 1920 in Vienna, Austria, filed a petition for citizenship on September 29, 1939 in New York City. This record further reflected that the subject filed a petition for naturalization #105536 on April 6, 1943, in Los Angeles, California and was admitted to American Citizenship on August 27, 1943 in the United States District Court of Los Angeles, California.

The records of the United States District Court of Los Angeles, California reflected that GERDA HEDWIG KRONSTEIN arrived in the United States from Le Havre at New York City aboard the SS PARIS on April 6, 1939.

EMPLOYMENT

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service further reflected that the subject was formerly employed as follows:

May, 1942--Saleslady and office worker, Pig 'n Whistle, Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, California;

September, 1931 to May, 1942--Jose Panitz and Company, Los Angeles, California;

September, 1940 to June, 1941--Sol Cohen, 450 7th Avenue, New York City;

October, 1939 to June, 1940--Altman and Kodine, 700 5th Avenue, New York City.

T-1 advised that in her application for a passport with the Department of State in May, 1948 the subject listed her occupation as a writer.

Mrs. MAUDE THOMPSON, 118-20 194th Street, St. Albans, Queens, New York, on November 18, 1953, advised the writer that the subject is a housewife and has no gainful employment.

The records of T-25, another governmental agency which maintains personnel history records reflected as of August 28, 1944 that GERDA LERNER was employed as Executive Secretary for the Screen Publicists' Guild, 1515 Crossroads of the World, Hollywood, California. T-25 further advised that her duties with this employee's guild included attendance at

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meetings of the Executive Board, committee meetings, general membership meetings, and handling banking duties for the Guild.

T-2 also advised on December 3, 1948 that the subject is an X-ray technician, but has been unemployed for about a year.

RESIDENCES

Mrs. MAUDE THOMPSON further advised that the subject resides with her husband and two children at 118-14 194th Street, St. Albans, Queens, New York.

T-2 advised that in 1948 the subject resided at 1426 Mohawk Street, Los Angeles, California.

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The records of the Los Angeles County Register of Voters indicated that Mrs. GERDA LERNER resided 5141½ De Lonpre, Los Angeles, California, 1943.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service further reflected that the subject listed her residence address as 3311 Broadway, New York City in September, 1939.

The records of the Los Angeles County Marriage License Bureau examined by SA VIRGIL Q. COX in May, 1944, reflected that at the time of her marriage to CARL LERNER on October 6, 1941 the subject listed her address as 2145½ Ivar Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

T-3, of unknown reliability, but who was in a position to be familiar with the subject's residence, advised in December, 1949 that the subject resided at 2060 23rd Street, Astoria, Queens, New York.

T-4 on November 24, 1951 advised that GERDA LERNER moved to Peekskill, New York.

T-5 on March 20, 1953 advised that the subject formerly lived on Furnace Dock Road, Peekskill, New York and moved to 118-14 194th Street, St. Albans, Queens, New York.

MARITAL STATUS

The records of the Los Angeles County Marriage License Bureau reflected that the subject married KOPEL LERNER at Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1941.

The records of the United States District Court for Los Angeles, California, reflected that the subject married BERNARD JENSEN N.Y. April 12, 1939 in New York City.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service records for the Division of Los Angeles reflected that the subject divorced BERNARD JENSEN at Reno, Nevada, August 18, 1941.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

COMMUNIST PARTY

T-6 advised that in early 1944 one GERDA LERNER was a

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registered member of the "B" Group of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP) having registered December 14, 1943 for the year 1944. This informant further advised that GERDA LERNER had paid her Communist Party dues through December, 1943.

T-7 advised that GERDA LERNER of 5141 $\frac{1}{2}$ De Lonpre, Los Angeles, California, was issued a transfer card #15034, dated August 21, 1944, indicating her transfer from the 57th Hollywood Branch to the East Hollywood Communist Club. This card reflected that the subject was enrolled in the new Communist Political Association and held 1944 membership card #44716.

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The Communist Political Association has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-8 advised in May, 1947 that the subject had been a member of the Communist Party for approximately 4 years and was transferred from the Griffith Park Club, 13th Congressional District Section to the Bethune Club, Hollywood Section, LACCP in 1947.

T-9 advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Gung Ho Club of the Hollywood Section of the LACCP on May 5, 1947. This informant further advised that during this meeting an announcement was made that the Women's Conference of the LACCP, which was scheduled to meet at the home of the subject on August 16, 1947, was postponed to a later date.

This informant further advised that the subject attended a meeting of the four Committee Clubs of the LACCP on August 20, 1947.

COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN (CAW)

The Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

January, 1949, issue of "Women in Action" official publication of the Los Angeles CAW reflects that the subject has been active in the Los Angeles chapter, CAW, since its formation in 1946 and, prior to her departure for Europe, was educational director of the Los Angeles chapter.

The March, 1949 issue of the Congress of American Women bulletin, "Around the World," lists the Congress of American Women (CAW) delegates to the Second International Women's Congress held in Budapest, Hungary in December, 1948. GERDA LERNER of Los Angeles, California, was listed as one of these delegates.

T-26, of known reliability, advised that the GERDA LERNER

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was a delegate to the 2nd Womens Congress of the Womens International Democratic Federations, Budapest, Hungary of which the CAW is an affiliate.

T-26 on May 12, 1949 advised that GERDA LERNER was a committee member of the Committee of Resolutions at the National Convention of the CAW.

T-10 advised that GERDA LERNER of the CAW was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Westlake Section Council, LACCP, on the evening of February 14, 1949.

T-10 furnished the following resumé of GERDA LERNER's speech:

LERNER stated that on her recent trip to Europe she was in Hungary and Austria and the people are solidified. She stated that the outstanding leaders in the Women's International Democratic Federation in Europe are of the Communist Party and that tremendous work is being done by this organization.

LERNER stated that the Communist Party is a legal organization in Europe, does its work openly and above board, works effectively and anyone can become a member. She stated that great progress has been made in Europe and that the Soviet military budget has been cut one half.

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LERNER stated that while in Hungary and Austria she was in contact with outstanding Communist Party leaders and talked with them.

LERNER told those present that she came to their club to discuss conditions in the United States. She desired that they take steps to organize women's clubs in each community in this area, including caucasian, negroes, Mexicans, and Jews.

LERNER stated that the leadership in the United States, of the CAW, as it is in Europe, is made up of Communist Party members.

LERNER's talk was followed by a few questions, one being whether it was true that Russian soldiers, on going into some of the countries during the war, terrorized men and women and children. LERNER replied that she was sorry to say that it was true, but not to repeat it to anyone outside of the group. She stated that she verified this in her talks with Communist Party leaders.

LERNER stated that the CAW would be glad to furnish speakers when they were ready to start organizing groups in their communities.

She asked those present not to mention to anyone that she had attended the Section Council Meeting of the Communist Party or was in any way affiliated with the Communist Party.

The "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of June 19, 1949 carried an article entitled "Peace is a Woman's Business," which described the National Convention of the Congress of American Women held in New York City on May, 1949. GERDA LERNER of Los Angeles appears in a group picture of the Resolutions Committee of this convention.

T-15 advised that a meeting of the CAW on January 27, 1949 at 3000 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, the subject, in the course of her report on the International Women's Congress, which she attended from December 2-8, 1948 in Budapest, Hungary, advised that she met a group of women delegates to the convention from the Greek partisans and she was ashamed to admit to them she was an American.

The June, 1949 issue of "Women in Action" reflected that GERDA LERNER was one of the 10 delegates from the local chapter, CAW, to the National Convention of the CAW held in New York City in May, 1949. It also reflected that she was educational director of the

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Los Angeles CAW.

T-11 on January 7, 1950 advised that GERDA LERNER was chairman of the Child Care Committee of the CAW in New York City and on May 31, 1950 was in attendance at an Executive Board meeting of the CAW.

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T-12, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised in September 25, 1950 that GERDA LERNER, 2060 23rd Street, Long Island City, New York, of the CAW favored the formation of a permanent National American Women for Peace and was desirous of receiving information of the future activities of the American Women for Peace.

T-12 advised on July 13, 1950 that the subject was in receipt of literature from the Congress of American Women, 2 East 23rd Street, New York City.

AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE

"1. Cited as 'an advance wave to establish a beachhead for other left-wing organizations scheduled to descend on Washington in observance of a Communist-declared "Peace Week."
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report Number 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, page 75.)

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T-4 advised that on July 30, 1951 the subject's name, address, and telephone number were in the possession of LOUISE MALLY. T-4 advised that LOUISE MALLY is the editor of the "Peace Maker," publication of the American Women for Peace.

T-4 further advised that the subject attended a meeting of the American Women for Peace held at 13 Astor Place, New York City on November 17, 1951.

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T-16 advised on April 12, 1951 that GERDA LERNER, novelist and American Women for Peace member, and EVE MERRIAM, poet, wrote a review entitled "Singing of Women" for International Women's Day, which was produced by the New York Division of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS

"1. Cited as a Communist front."
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949; House Report #1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), page 2.)

JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE (JAFRC)

T-12 advised that the subject and her husband, CARL LERNER, sent a telegram to the management of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles,

protesting the action of this management in refusing to allow the JAFRC to use the dining room of the hotel for a dinner meeting on February 4, 1945 in Honor of PAUL ROBESON and for the purpose of raising funds for the JAFRC.

JAFRC

"1. Cited as subversive and Communist.

(Attorney General TOM CLARK, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)

"2. A 'Communist-front organization headed by EDWARD K. BARSKY.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 174.)

"3. Cited as a Communist front 'Formed in March of 1942 through the merger of the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Exiled Writers Committee of the League of American Writers, and the United American Spanish Aid Committee. * * * The sponsors and officers * * * with few exceptions are admitted Communists and fellow travelers.' The policy 'is in concert with the foreign policy of the Soviet Union.' Much of the financing is undertaken by the International Workers Order."

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 270 and 271.)

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (ACFPB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-14 advised that the subject was a delegate to the 20th Anniversary of the National Conference of the ACPFB in Chicago on December 8, 9, 1951, representing the Cortland American Labor Party Group and the Wednesday Women's Group of Croton, Croton, New York.

"American Labor Party

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 78.)

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, Pages 40 and 41.) "

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On March 20, 1953, SAS JOSHUA D. ENSOR and BRYAN J. MOGEN contacted the subject at the residence 118-14 194th Street, St. Albans, Queens, New York, for the purpose of interviewing her. The subject refused to be interviewed and stated she would not discuss any matter with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, examined by SA AUGUST J. MICEK in September, 1953, contained no information identifiable with the subject.

The New York City Board of Elections for the Borough of Queens, examined on March 11, 1953 by SE WILLIAM R. SWEENEY reflected no registration for the subject or her husband.

T-18, T-19, T-20, T-21, T-22, T-23, T-24, who are generally familiar with Communist activities in the New York City area, advised that the subject is unknown to them and they could furnish no information regarding her.

The following is a physical description of the subject as obtained from Mrs. MAUDE THOMPSON and other sources:

Name	GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, was: Gerda Hedwig Kronstein, Gerda Hedwig Jensen, Mrs. Bernard Jensen, Mrs. Carl Lerner, Mrs. Kopel Lerner.
Born	April 30, 1920 Vienna, Austria.
Race	White
Sex	Female
Height	5' 7"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown

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Eyes
Complexion
Characteristics
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Black, wears glasses
Medium
Prominent nose, thick lips.
Married
Husband, ~~KOPEL LERNER~~, wa: ~~Carl Lerner~~
2 children, minors.

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T-1 FOIA b 7 - D	Background	5/25/49	SA JOHN V. JACKOLSKI	100-96769-7
T-2 Mrs. E. RAY SMOOTS, Mohawk St., Los Angeles, by request	Subject's residence and employment	12/3/48	SA ICEALIOUS A. HALL	100-96769-6
T-3 Pretext phone call to Mr. THOMAS POLO, 2060 23rd St., Astoria, Queens	Subject's residence Dec., 1949	12/49	SA CLABORN R. CHEATHAM	100-96769-4
T-4 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject residence, 11/51; Subject's name, address, and telephone number in possession of LOUISE MALLEY; USED TO DOCUMENT ASSOCIATE Subject attended meeting of AWP, 11/17/51.	11/24/51 7/30/51 11/24/51	SA JOSEPH P. Mc CANN JOSEPH P. Mc CANN JOSEPH P. Mc CANN	100-96769-17 100-96769-16 100-96769-17
T-5 HARRY DEVITTO Superintendent, USPO, Peekskill, NY	Subject's residence 1953	3/20/53	SA JOSUA D. ENSOR and SA BRYAN J. MOGEN	100-96769-25
T-6 Anonymous Source*				

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T-7 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject's CP membership, 1944	Unknown	Unknown	LA 100-22682
T-8 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject's LACCP membership, 1947	5/25/47	MARCUS M BRIGHT	LA 100-23933-15p460
T-9 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject's attendance CP meetings in 5/47 and 8/47	8/7/47	GEORGE D. THOMSON	LA 100-21315A-294
T-10 FOIA b 7 - D	Resume of subject's speech before West-lake Section Council, LACCP on 2/14/49	2/23/49	MERLE L. PARKER	100-76769-1
T-11 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject Chairman of Child Care Committee of CAW, 1/3/50; Subject attended Executive Board Meeting of CAW on 5/31/50	1/17/50 Ex-6/13/50	HAROLD P. LARSON HAROLD P. LARSON	100-80444-794 p. 25 100-80444-558 p. 1 and 2
T-12 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject's support of AWP in 1950	9/25/50	JOSEPH P. McCANN	100-96769-13
T-13 Det. WM. GARRETT Alien Squad, Nassau County PD, Mineola, NY	Subject was in receipt of literature from CAW	7/13/50	J. GARTH GRAY	100-86624-1193

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T-14 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject a dele- gate to 20th Anniversary Nat'l Conference of ACFPB, 12/8,9/51; Subject corres- ponded with ELAINE ROSS of CRC, 8/51.	11/10/52	JAMES E. GIBLER	100-96769-21
		1/5/53	EVERETT K. DEANE	100-96769-23
T-15 Physical Surveillance	Subject stated she was ashamed to ad- mit she was an American.	11/27/49	ICEALIUS A. HALL	100-96769-6 p.3
T-16 FOIA b 7 - D	Subject wrote re- view entitled, "Singing of Women" produced by NY Women's Division of ASP.	4/12/51	FRNAK R. LONGO	100-98781-296
T-17 Mr. GEORGE HARRIS, Manager, Ambassador Ho- tel, Los Angeles, California.	Subject sent tele- gram to protest re- fusals of management to permit JAFRO dinner.	1/29/53	Employee of Los Angeles Division.	100-96769-6
T-18 FOIA b 7 - D	Negative	11/5/53	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant Report
T-19 FOIA b 7 - D	Negative	"	" " "	"
T-20 FOIA b 7 - D	"	"	" " "	"

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T-21 FOIA b 7 - D	Negative	9/30/53	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER (oral)	Instant Report
T-22 FOIA b 7 - D	"	"	"	"
T-23 FOIA b 7 - D	Negative	9/30/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY (oral)	Instant Report
T-24 FOIA b 7 - D	"	"	"	"
T-25 Records War Price & Rationing Board #20, 1700 No Vermont LA, California	Subject's employment	1943	SA JAMES W. CORCORAN	100-96769-8
T-26 LOUISE PAGE MORRIS, 121 Madison Ave. NYC, executive member of CAW, by request	Subject's connections with CAW	5/12/49	SA P. RENE BIDEZ	100-96769-12

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. MARJORIE RAYBURN, who handled the correspondence of the Central European Press and Literature Agency, Incorporated, New York City, of which VERA PONGER was president and Austrian representative, made available a letter from VERA to GEORGE and LORE (believed to have been GEORGE MANDLER and LORE HERZIG, officers of this agency), in which it is mentioned that GERDA LERNER, 1426 Mohawk Street,

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Los Angeles, California had returned to the United States.

VERA PONGER was one of the principal subjects of the case entitled "OTTO VERBER, KURT PONGER, et al; ESPIONAGE - R - Au", New York file 65-15162.

It should be noted that the subject's husband, KOPEL LERNER, is the subject of a closed security matter case in the New York Office, and is included in the Security Index.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA ICEALIUS A. HALL, Los Angeles, dated 10/17/49
Report of SA JOHN V. JACZOLSKI, Washington Field, 5/25/49
Report of SA JAMES W. CORCORAN, Los Angeles, 12/4/44.
Report of SA CLABORN R. CHEATHAM, New York dated 8/28/50.

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GERDA HEDWIG LERNER
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Rerep Special Agent Thomas D. J. Brooks dated
December 4, 1953.

Listed below are errors noted in reviewing rerep:

✓ In line three of the first paragraph on page two
the naturalization petition number is incorrect
when compared with that set forth on page two,
paragraph four, line six, of the report of Special
Agent James W. Corcoran dated December 4, 1944, at
Los Angeles.

This report of Special Agent Corcoran shows
employment for the subject in the first paragraph
of page three that is not listed under employment
in the summary report. It is also noted that the
subject's employment as a technician contained on
page two of the report of Special Agent Icealius A.
Hall dated April 27, 1949, at Los Angeles, is not
included under employment in the summary report.

The report of Special Agent Allen F. Frei dated
May 9, 1944, at Los Angeles entitled "Carl Lerner,
With Alias, Carl Blake, Security Matter - C," copies
of which were sent your office contains on page
four the subject's address as 2145 1/2 Ivar Avenue,
Los Angeles, California. This address is not
contained under residence in the summary report.

Under Marital Status in the summary report, it is
stated that the subject married Kopel Lerner on
October 6, 1941, and she divorced her previous
husband, Bernard Jensen, on October 18, 1941. This
obviously could not be correct unless the subject
had committed bigamy. The report of Special Agent
James W. Corcoran dated December 4, 1944, at Los
Angeles and the report of Special Agent John V.
Jackolski dated May 25, 1949, at Washington, D.C.;
both show the date of divorce as August 18, 1941.

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In the last paragraph on page three, information is set out that the subject was issued a transfer card dated October 21, 1944. The report of Special Agent James W. Corcoran dated December 4, 1944, at Los Angeles, on page four, line two, of the second last paragraph shows that this transfer card was dated August 21, 1944.

It was further noted that in reporting information concerning the subject's activities in the Congress of American Women, information was not included regarding reports of subject's activities as set out in the publication, "Women in Action," as contained in the report of Special Agent Icealius A. Hall dated April 27, 1949, at Los Angeles.

There cannot be located in the summary report any information attributed to Louise Page Morris who furnished pertinent information regarding the subject as set forth in the report of Special Agent Claborn R. Cheatham dated August 28, 1950, at New York.

It is also noted that the summary report, paragraph seven, page five, lists the title of an article appearing in the "Daily Worker." This title varies slightly from the title as set forth on page three of the report of Special Agent Claborn R. Cheatham dated August 28, 1950, at New York. Since nothing less than complete accuracy is desired in the summary report, this slight variation should not occur.

You are requested to review this report and clarify all the above errors and discrepancies. There may be a good and sufficient reason why information appearing in prior investigative reports is not included in the summary report. You should submit amended pages for this summary report and it will be assumed that these pages will reflect the exact accurate information contained in your files and all information you consider pertinent to this case.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-267253)

DATE: 2/18/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-96769)

SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, was
SM-CRe summary report of SA THOMAS D. J. BROOKS dated 12/4/53
at NY.Enclosed are six copies of amended administrative page
number 11 of the above referenced report.As there are no outstanding leads remaining in this
matter, this case is being considered closed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-267253)
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-96769)
 SUBJECT: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, was
 SM-C

DATE: 9/20/55

Security Index card cancelled

CANCELLED

OCT 4 1955

REFERENCE

SAC Letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

An anonymous source advised that in early 1944 one GERDA LERNER was a registered member of the "B" Group of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County CP (LACCP), having registered 12/14/43, for the year 1944. This informant further advised that GERDA LERNER had paid her CP dues through December, 1943.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Gung Ho Club of the Hollywood Section of the LACCP on 5/5/47. This informant further advised that during this meeting an announcement was made that the Women's Conference of the LACCP, which was scheduled to meet at the home of the subject on 8/16/47, was postponed to a later date.

This informant further advised that the subject attended a meeting of the four Committee Clubs of the LACCP on 8/20/47.

The January 1949 issue of "Women in Action", official publication of the Los Angeles Congress of American Women (CAW) reflects that the subject has been active in the Los Angeles chapter, CAW, since its formation in 1946, and prior to her departure for Europe, was educational director of this chapter.

The March, 1949 issue of the CAW bulletin, "Around the World", lists the CAW delegates to the Second International Women's Congress held in Budapest, Hungary in December, 1948. GERDA LERNER of Los Angeles, California was listed as one of these delegates.

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LOUISE PAGE MORRIS, 121 Madison Avenue, NYC, executive member of CAW, on 5/12/49 advised that GERDA LERNER was a committee member of the Committee of Resolutions at the National Convention of the CAW.

FOIA b 7 - D (reliable) furnished information that according to the "Minutes of the Resident Executive Board Meeting.....May 31, 1950" of the Congress of American Women, 2 East 23rd Street, NYC, GERDA LERNER was present at this meeting.

FOIA b 7 - D advised that GERDA LERNER of the CAW was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Westlake Section Council, LACCP, on 2/14/49.

FOIA b 7 - D furnished a resume of LERNER'S speech at above meeting. The following are excerpts from informant's resume:

LERNER stated that the outstanding leaders in the Women's International Democratic Federation in Europe are of the CP and that tremendous work is being done by this organization, and that the leadership in the US, of the CAW, as it is in Europe, is made up of CP members.

LERNER stated that while in Hungary and Austria, she was in contact with outstanding CP leaders and talked with them.

LERNER asked those present not to mention to anyone that she had attended the Section Council Meeting of the CP or was in anyway affiliated with the CP.

FOIA b 7 - D advised on 1/7/50, that GERDA LERNER was chairman of the Child Care Committee of the CAW in NYC, and on 5/31/50, was in attendance at an Executive Board meeting of the CAW.

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FOIA b 7 - D

[redacted] (reliable) advised on 4/12/51, that GERDA LERNER, novelist and American Women for Peace member, and EVE MERRIAM, poet, wrote a review entitled "Singing of Women" for International Women's Day, which was produced by the NY Division of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (ASP).

A throwaway announcing a series of "ASP Starlight Forums" disclosed that GERDA LERNER was one of the scheduled speakers for June and/or July, 1954.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 12/1/53, [redacted] furnished a list of individuals who are reported to be on the active membership of the NY Council of the ASP. NAN BRAYMER, Assistant to IRVIN G. ADLER, National Director of the National Council of the ASP, advised the informant that this list comprised the active membership of the NY Council of the ASP. Among about 800 members on this list is Mrs. GERDA LERNER, 118-14 194th Street, St. Albans 12, NY.

The "Current Intelligence Summary" of 12/9/53, set forth information that the American Peace Crusade (APC) had launched a nationwide campaign to send Christmas cards to President EISENHOWER and members of Congress containing a "peace" theme although these cards were not to be identified with the APC. The "Current Intelligence Summary" of 1/6/54, set forth information that the Southern California Peace Crusade, an affiliate of the APC, claimed it was responsible for sending approximately 7,000 "peace" messages to the White House during the Christmas season.

On 2/26/54, Mr. ROGER STEFFAN, Special Assistant to the Assistant to the President, furnished the Bureau with the above-described cards. GERDA LERNA'S signature appeared on one of the above cards sent from the NY area.

FOIA(b) 7 - D

[redacted] (reliable) provided the following information:

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1. Advised on 5/13/55, that GERTA LERNER, 118-14 194th Street, St. Albans, NY, was in contact with ISADORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN. [FOIA b 7 - D] (reliable) advised in October, 1954, that NEEDLEMAN is a suspected Soviet Agent.

2. Advised on 7/14/55, that NEEDLEMAN, planned to go over to GERTA LERNER'S later in the evening.

3. Advised on 7/27/55 that NEEDLEMAN was in contact with the subject.

[FOIA b 7 - D] (reliable) provided the following information:

1. Advised on 4/18/55, that GERTA LERNER contacted ISADORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN.

2. Advised on 7/7/55, that GERTA LERNER contacted NEEDLEMAN.

3. Advised on 7/13/55, that NEEDLEMAN contacted GERTA LERNER.

4. Advised on 7/19/55, that NEEDLEMAN talked with GERTA LERNER.

RECOMMENDATION

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Remove from SI. Last activity in a basic revolutionary organization was in 1947 (CP). No leadership position or active substantial participation in a front organization in the past three years.

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DETCOM TABBING

1. Not tabbed.
2. Not approved for tabbing under SAC letter 55-12, 2/10/55. No SI card bearing large red "Detcom" stamp received from Bureau.
3. Not recommended for tabbing.

ROUTING SLIP

FD-4
(5-12-52)

Date 1/18/54, 1954

Memo To: Director, FBI

SAC (100-267253) Title: GERDA HEDWIG LERNER,
ASAC was
Supervisor SM - C
Agent
Steno
Clerk
Chief Clerk
Special Employee File No. NY 100-96769

ACTION DESIRED

<u>Assign to</u>	<u>Open Case</u>
<u>Acknowledge</u>	<u>Prepare Tickler</u>
<u>Bring File</u>	<u>Reassign to</u>
<u>Call Me</u>	<u>Recharge serials</u>
<u>See Me</u>	<u>Search and Return</u>
<u>Correct</u>	<u>Send serials</u>
<u>Delinquent</u>	<u>to</u>
<u>Expedite</u>	<u>Submit new charge-out</u>
<u>File</u>	<u>Submit report by</u>
<u>Leads need attention</u>	<u>Type</u>
<u>Read, Initial and</u>	<u>Return Serials</u>
<u>Return</u>	

Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Rerep SA THOMAS D. J. BROOKS, 12/4/53, NY.

Enclosed pls. find amended pgs. 2,2A,3,3A,4,4A,5,5A,10,13,and 13A of rerep setting out complete documentation. It is requested that the Bureau insert instant pgs. in their copies of rerep.

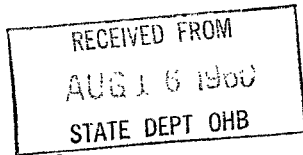
NY copies and copy for INS has been amended.

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(In intra office use return this with notation as to action taken or explanation.)



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



July 26, 1960

FBI Liaison:

For Information Only

Re:

Gerda Lerner
Born: April 30, 1920
Place: Vienna, Austria

Residence:

33-60 21 Street,
Long Island City 6, New York

Bureau File Number:

Unknown

Passport Number:

1251805 issued October 15, 1958;
renewed July 11, 1960 at New York

Attorney:

None

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure:

New York

Date of Departure:

October 1960

Means of Transportation:

Air - Pan American

Proposed Length of Stay:

Two months

Countries to be Visited:

England, Denmark, Sweden,
Switzerland, France, Italy and
Spain

Purpose of Trip:

Visiting relatives and tourism

AGENCY 2000 - NY
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 8-18-60
HOW FORW. PLS
BY TWR: mml

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PT/L - Robert D. Johnson

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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November 20, 1961

~~ROPEL LERNER~~
~~GERDA LERNER~~
~~SECURITY MATTER - C~~

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflect that ~~Rapel Lerner~~ filed a renewal application on July 11, 1960, for passport number 1200887, issued to him in the name of Carl Lerner on August 13, 1958.

Lerner stated he planned to depart from the port of New York in October, 1960, via Pan American World Airways, for a two months' trip to England, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain, visiting relatives and touring.

Lerner stated he was born June 17, 1912, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is married to Gerda Lerner. His permanent residence is 33-60 21st Street, Long Island City, New York. Mailing address is 40 Glen-Na-Little Trail, Huntington, Long Island, New York.

Passport number 1200887 was renewed on July 20, 1960, at New York, New York, valid for four years from date of issuance, with the restriction that it is not valid for travel to Albania, China and those portions of Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control.

Gerda Lerner filed a renewal application on July 6, 1960, for passport number 1251805, issued to her on October 15, 1958. She stated she was born April 30, 1920, at Vienna, Austria, and is married to Carl Lerner. She listed the same permanent and mailing address as given by her husband in his renewal application.

Gerda Lerner listed the same travel plans as her husband.

Mrs. Lerner's passport number 1251805, was renewed on July 11, 1960, at New York, New York, valid for four years from date of issuance, with the restriction that it is not valid for travel to Albania, China and those portions of Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, WFO

KOPEL LERNER, aka

SM - C
(OO:NY)
(WFO#100-32996)
(NY #100-97573)

GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, aka

SM - C
(OO:NY)
(WFO#100-20645) - RUC -
(NY #100-96769)

ReNYlet to WFO dated 10/17/61, requesting check of Passport Office.

Enclosed are six copies to the Bureau and two to NY of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

SA PHILIP H. WILSON reviewed the subjects' passport files at the Passport Office, Department of State, WDC, on 11/1/61 and 11/16/61.

For information of the NY Division, these files reflected no information indicating that the subjects traveled to Europe in 1961. Also, for information, the passport application of GERDA HEDWIG LERNER filed on 10/10/58, (not previously furnished), revealed that she planned to visit with relatives and take a two months' pleasure trip to England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Spain, departing from the port of New York, via air on 12/18/58. In response, the Passport Office issued her passport number 1251805, on 10/15/58, which passport is mentioned in relet.

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1 - Mr. Kitchens

SAC, Washington Field (100-32996)
(100-20645)

December 4, 1961

Director, FBI (100-267253)

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KOPEL LERNER
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GERDA HEDWIG LERNER
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Reurlet 11/20/61.

According to Bureau of Vital Statistics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, subject's true name is Kopel Lerner and Bureau file does not indicate that he has ever used the name of Copel Lerner.

The Washington Field Office is requested to recheck records of the Passport Office, Department of State, to determine if subject's name is listed as Copel or Kopel Lerner.

Advise the Bureau of any changes necessary to relet or its enclosure.

2 - New York (100-97573) (100-96769)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Security Index cards on subjects canceled 1955. They reside New York City. Relet contains information concerning renewal of subjects' passports.

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MRS ^①
KOPEL LERNER, aka
SM-C
(OO: NY)

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ReBulet, 12/4/61, which stated that subject's true name is KOPEL LERNER and requested WFO to check records of Passport Office to determine if subject's name is listed as COPEL or KOPEL LERNER.

ReWFOlet, 11/20/61, captioned, "COPEL LERNER, SM-C" which set out review of passport files. This letter utilized caption COPEL LERNER, since NYlet to WFO, 10/17/61, (interoffice) requesting review of passport files of subject and wife, GERDA HEDWIG LERNER, utilized this caption.

New York should determine if subject has used the name COPEL LERNER and promptly advise Bureau. Passport files do not show subject using name COPEL LERNER.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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FBI LIAISON:

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RE:

Gerda Lerner

BORN: April 30, 1920
PLACE: Vienna, Austria

RESIDENCE:

33-60 21st Street
Astoria 6, New York
Unknown

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

100-436613

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

NY 96 769

PASSPORT NUMBER:

C721416 issued Oct. 31, 1962; renewed
Jan. 6, 1966 at New York

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

New York

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

Indefinite

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Unknown

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PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

Unknown

10 JAN 26 1966

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Unknown

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

Unknown

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PT/L - ROBERT D. JOHNSON

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2 Cc's to New York
by routing slip for
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1/25/66
W.H.F. [Signature]

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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FBI LIAISON:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

RE:

Gerda LERNER

BORN: April 30, 1920

PLACE: Austria

RESIDENCE:

33-60 21st Street
Astoria, New York 11106

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

Unknown 100-436613

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

Unknown

PASSPORT NUMBER:

J080582 issued January 19, 1968
at New York

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

New York

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

Summer 1968

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

Two months

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Switzerland, Israel, India and
other countries en route

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

Tourism and visit daughter and
other relativesCopy to 1cc to New York
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